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BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET.

HAPPY GATHERING IN THE ESSEX LYCEUM THURSDAY NIGHT.

Excellent Dinner—Lively Music and stirring speeches—Recent Disturbed Harmony Again Restored—Senator Bacheller Surprised at the Large Turnout and Extended Congratulations to Bloomfield.

After several recent "strenuous" elections, over which differences of opinion on the part of citizens with respect to the issues involved disturbed the tranquility of the town to an alarming extent, it is gratifying to note indications of a restoration of harmony and good feeling, and a disposition to again get together and work unitedly for the best interests of the municipality. The annual banquet of the Board of Trade on Thursday night afforded a common ground of harmony, and the large number of Bloomfielders who were present on that occasion again clasped the hand of fellowship and mutually agreed that the past would make no difference in regard to loyal citizenship and general sociability. The Board of Trade banquet was held at the Essex Lyceum, Clinton street, Newark. An excellent dinner, lively music and stirring speeches were the general features of the affair, which were highly enjoyed by upward of one hundred people.

A special trolley car conveyed the larger number of the assemblage from the Centre to Newark. Several Bloomfielders are members of the club under whose auspices the Essex Lyceum is conducted, and they were there in advance of the main body, and welcomed their friends to the hospitalities of the house.

It was about half-past eight o'clock when those present assembled around the prettily decorated dining tables in the large banquet hall of the Lyceum. Rev. Dr. Samuel Boardman offered prayer, which was followed by the singing of a verse of "America." Then came the menu, served by William Winters, steward of the Union Club, which was as follows:

Blue Point, Half Shell
Celery, Olives, Radishes
Salted Almonds
Chicken a la Reine
Baked Shad a la Maitre d'Hotel
New Potatoes
Filet of Beef with Mushrooms
French Fries
Sorbet a la Cardinal
Yucca Turkey, Stuffed, Cranberry Sauce
Ice Cream
Fruit
Custard
Toasted Crackers
Coffee.

At intervals during the serving of the dinner John F. Dillon, the humorist, led in singing numerous lively choruses. It was nearly eleven o'clock when President William F. Sutphen began a short address, in which he congratulated the members of the Board of Trade on the success of the second annual banquet. In speaking of the position of the Board of Trade in the community, Mr. Sutphen described it as a place where all could meet on common ground and express their views and opinions on municipal matters without getting involved in political turmoil. In alluding to local political affairs, Mr. Sutphen said he had no sympathy with the advice recently given to young men to keep out of politics on account of the contaminating influences that must be encountered. He deemed it possible for citizens to take an active hand in politics and come out with clean hands. He made some happy allusions to the recent contest on the question of annexation.

Mr. Sutphen introduced Senator Bacheller as one of the speakers of the evening. The Senator met with a cordial reception as he arose to speak. Previous to the introduction of Senator Bacheller, Mr. Dillon had sung a humorous skit on annexation and it was greeted with a furor of applause. With this circumstance in mind the Senator at once frankly stated that he was the man who introduced the annexation bill. Senator Bacheller expressed great surprise at the large assembly of people that confronted him. He said that when he accepted the invitation to speak he supposed he would find a small body of about thirty citizens present. He congratulated the people of Bloomfield on having such a large and representative organization as the Board of Trade actively interested in municipal affairs. Senator Bacheller dwelt chiefly on the annexation question from the Newark side of it, but he gave assurances that the people of Newark would never take the initiative in any movement to force annexation in opposition to the will of the majority of the people of Bloomfield. This statement was received with great applause. The Senator freely expressed his opinion that annexation would have been of benefit to Bloomfield. His took occasion to defend Newark from some of the severe criticisms that have been passed upon the city in the heat of the annexation contest.

When Rev. George L. Curtis arose to speak he was greeted with an enthusiastic demonstration, and he had to wait a considerable time for the applause to subside. Mr. Curtis, like the previous

speakers, alluded to the recent annexation contest, but in a happy vein, and he kept his audience in constant good humor. He spoke in terms of praise of Bloomfield, and when he told with what delight he looked upon the public commons here upon his return from his trip to Egypt and Palestine, the assemblage again broke out in tremendous applause. Mr. Curtis spoke of the many good things that the people of Bloomfield enjoyed under home rule. He paid a high tribute to town officials and to the public school system. These encomiums evoked repeated applause, in which everybody participated. When Mr. Curtis concluded his address the audience gave him a tribute of cheers. His address was the feature of the banquet, and its effect was highly beneficial at this critical time in public affairs.

Serious Fight Between Boys.
Joseph Quinn and William Coyle, two little boys, became engaged in a quarrel over the ownership of some marbles late Saturday afternoon, and both appealed to their elder brothers, John Quinn and Joseph Coyle. The row occurred in front of the Franklin street brick row where both the Coyle and Quinn families live.

The elder brothers started to fight it out, but the Coyle boy was stronger than Quinn, and it is claimed that several others also jumped upon him. When overcome by superior numbers, Quinn, who is 14 years of age, pulled out a pocketknife and stabbed Coyle in the back. The latter fell to the ground while the other boys ran away.

Dr. F. G. Shaul, who was summoned, dressed the wound and said that Coyle would recover if blood poisoning did not set in. Had the blade gone an inch deeper Coyle would have been killed. The police were not notified of the affair until Sunday night.

Empire Theatre.
The attraction at the Empire Theatre, Newark, for the week of April 25th, opening with Monday matinee, will be "Wedded but No Wife," the new drama which has just been completed by Maurice J. Fielding and Conynghame Price, and has been pronounced one of the best plays offered to the theatre-going public in recent years. There are some startling scenes, the most striking among them being that at the church door when the minister who has just married the adventuress, is confronted by his first wife as the wedding march is being played. Another pretty scene is that in the church yard, when the minister's wife finds her little daughter crying over a grave supposed to be her mother's. Matinees Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Minstrel Entertainment.
James T. Boyd Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., gave a fine minstrel entertainment in Central Hall Tuesday night before a large audience. Archie M. Dalley acted as interlocutor and on the ends were James Havel, Wm. Edwards, John A. Brown and B. Stiles. In the circle were Andrew and John Baumer, Craig Dalley, Walter Tappen, Ernest Lay, Rowland Travis, Fred Blight, Henry Albion, Fred Schofield, David Boyd, Robert Foster and Frank Madison. The Watseong Quartette, composed of Ernest Lay, Frederick Blight, Rowland Travis and Henry Albion, sang several selections in a pleasing manner. Miss Grace Boyd presided at the piano. A dance followed. Andrew Baumer acted as floor manager and Theodore Mack was his assistant.

Reception to Mr. Wade.
J. Appleton Wade, former organist and choirmaster of Christ Episcopal Church, who resigned after ten years' service to accept a similar position in Calvary Church, Summit, was the guest of honor at a reception in the Parish House on Bloomfield avenue Wednesday evening, given by the choir boys. The singers presented to Mr. Wade a handsome travelling bag. The presentation speech was made by Wm. Holt. Mr. Wade was greatly surprised by the gift, but responded feelingly. Talbot Root, on behalf of some of the church people, presented Mr. Wade with a check for a handsome sum. An entertainment and reception followed.

Elks Election.
Bloomfield Lodge, No. 788, Order of Elks, elected officers Thursday night as follows: Exalted Ruler, Samuel J. MacDonald; Esteemed Leading Knight, Harry Jones; Esteemed Loyal Knight, Harry G. Weeks; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Daniel Sobiesch; Esquire, Wm. Johnson; Inner Guard, Robert E. Day; Tyler, Harry B. Broadhead; Trustee, Zebulon G. Wood; Delegate to Grand Lodge, Dr. Joseph C. Salls.

Byrnes-Dunnigan.
Miss Margaret Dunnigan of this town and James Byrnes of West Orange were married Wednesday afternoon in the Church of the Sacred Heart. Miss Frances Lang of Orange was the bride's attendant and Patrick Byrnes of Orange was the best man.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY.

"Box and Cox" and "My Turn Next" to be Presented by the High School Athletic Association—Proceeds to Go Towards Athletic Equipment.

Of late years the managers of the High School Athletic Association have found the work of soliciting subscriptions to pay their athletic expenses rather objectionable, and they have decided to accomplish their purpose this year by giving a play at Central Hall on the evening of May 6. To this end they have been at work for five weeks, with the cooperation of several teachers in the school.

Two plays have been selected this year; the popular comedy, "Box and Cox," and the farce, "My Turn Next." The scene of the former is a room in Mrs. Bouncer's lodging house. "Box," a printer, is at work all night and "Cox," a hatter, is at work all day; so "Mrs. Bouncer," the landlady, has let the room to both, getting double rent, and hoping that they may not meet. They do meet, however, and out of their situation grows the humor of the piece. Several songs and choruses, written for the comedy by Sir Arthur Sullivan, have been introduced and are being rehearsed under the direction of Professor Peter J. Smith, the musical director of the Bloomfield schools. The three parts are to be taken by Miss Cornelia Fitch, Mr. Theodore Weber and Mr. Herbert F. Stone.

The other play, "My Turn Next," is a comedy of character rather than of situation. "Taraxium Twitters," is a country apothecary, newly married to a fair widow, "Lydia." The late husband, a debtor, had had an unfortunate habit of changing his name and disappearing. "Mr. Twitters" hears of four of these disappearances, turns his suspicion into certainty, imagines his wife to be a monster and thinks it is surely his turn next. The supposition of his wife's simplest acts, his groans, lamentations and invectives are infinitely amusing. Mr. Jamison, who takes the part of "Twitters," is said to be doing well with it. Miss Bowns and Miss Underwood show remarkable talent, and Mr. King, Mr. Tyndeman and Mr. Starkweather are about on the same level. The part of "Tim," the doctor's boy, suits Mr. Tyndeman admirably, and it is safe to say that he will create a sensation of some sort, as he usually does.

On the whole we are glad to see that the finances of the Athletic Association are being put upon an independent basis, and we hope that the play will be warmly supported by the people of Bloomfield.

Fine Entertainment.

The plantation dances held Wednesday evening in Union Hall, under the auspices of Council No. 78, O. B. L., was very successful. Five hundred people enjoyed the many novelties introduced. The prizes for the most appropriate costumes were won by Miss Margaret Glenne and Fred Summersack. The prize cakewalk was won by J. E. Byrnes and Miss Lillian Ryan.

Plantation songs were rendered by E. J. Byrnes, F. B. Dalley and P. North. F. Spaulding, Bob Flannery and the Black Diamond Quartette also entertained.

The Home Club.

The Home Club held its regular meeting with a number of invited friends Thursday, April 21, at the residence of Mrs. H. Sternberger in Harrison street. Mrs. Margaret Sangster addressed the meeting. "Home" was the subject for the day. Mrs. Sangster gave a very profitable and pleasing talk on "Courtesy and Manners in the Home." The programme included two vocal solos by Mrs. J. Albion and several piano selections by Miss Hansen. Among those present was the authoress Miss Amanda M. Douglas of Newark. After the rendering of the programme a very enjoyable social hour was passed.

State Pigeons.

Carl Davis, Joseph Grover, Berkhart Zolkowski and Edward Jacobus, whose ages range from ten to thirteen, residing in the Morris neighborhood, were arrested Monday night by Chief of Police Collins on complaint of Wm. Fredericks of Mills street, who alleged that the boys broke into his pigeon house, and after destroying a setting of pigeon eggs and two settings of hen's eggs, carried away seven pigeons. To complete the mischief Fredericks declared they broke the wire fence around his place. The parents of the boys agreed to pay for the damage and Recorder Cadmus discharged them with a severe reprimand.

Board of Health.

Health Inspector Seymour P. Gilbert, at a meeting of the Board of Health Wednesday night, recommended the selection of one garbage dump in the town and the division of the town into districts for the collection of garbage, as well as selecting men to do the work in each district. The recommendations were approved by the board. D. H. Baldwin reported the water supply to be in good condition.

THE PATRONAGE.

That Will be Distributed by the New Administration—Local Politicians Much Interested—Considerable Wire Pulling Going On—Possibility of Several Changes Among Town Officials.

An annual event of great interest to local politicians is the distribution of the patronage that falls to the lot of the administration every year. The appointments to be made this year, the names of present incumbents in office and the length of the term of office is as follows: Town Surveyor, Oimsted & Baechlin, one year; Town Physician, Dr. J. S. Wolfe, one year; Superintendent of Public Works, Harry L. Cooper; Chief of Police, L. M. Collins, two years; Chief of Fire Department, Bernard F. Higgins, two years; Police Court Recorder, Geo. M. Cadmus, two years; Overseer of Poor, Adam Lind, two years; member of Board of Commissioners of Appeal, N. H. Dodd, three years; member of Board of Health, T. Howell Johnson, and John F. Capoe, two years; Pound Masters, Alexander McNair and James Berry, one year.

The Town Council-elect will meet on Wednesday night of next week for conference, when the appointments to be made will be considered. It is well known that there are several aspirants for some of the places, and members of the Council are being subjected to much pressure from aspirants for office and friends of the latter. There is no doubt but that the new Councilmen, who constitute a majority of the Council, will make some changes.

The Council will meet on Saturday, April 30, for organization, when sub-committees will be named by the chairman. Owing to a number of matters that go over from the present Council to the next, such as the water supply question and the fire house project, much interest attaches to the probable make-up of the sub-committees.

The Board of Assessors.

The resignation of Henry P. Dodd as a member of the Board of Assessors has caused a vacancy in that body. For some time past the First Ward has not had a representative on the board. The Board of Assessors is composed of three members, and it is only right and fair that each ward be represented on the board and Chairman Peterson very wisely recognized the situation, when on Monday night he named a First Ward man as a successor to Mr. Dodd. The Council did not coincide with the chairman's nomination, on the ground that some of the members deemed it a matter that should go over to the incoming administration. Whether or not that was the real reason of the delay is a matter of opinion. The members of the Council may disagree as to the man to be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Assessors, but there is no reason why they cannot agree on a recognition of the fact that the First Ward is justly entitled to representation on the board.

Cook-Astrophe.

A pretty home wedding Wednesday night was that of Miss Louise Astrophe, only daughter of Mrs. Jules Astrophe of 301 Glenwood avenue, to George Westhall Cook of San Francisco, Cal. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edwin A. White, rector of Christ Episcopal Church. The p riors were decorated with potted plants, palms, and out flowers. The bride was gowned in white silk with applique lace and pearl trimmings, and carried white roses. The matron of honor was Mrs. Louise Chapenot of San Francisco. The best man was Charles Chapenot of San Francisco. A large reception followed the ceremony. After an extended tour of New York State Mr. and Mrs. Cook will reside in Brooklyn.

J. Freeman Ellis.

J. Freeman Ellis, aged 78 years, formerly of Stoughton, Mass., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David H. Standish, No. 379 North Ridgewood avenue, Glen Ridge, last Friday. Mr. Ellis was born in Plympton, Mass., and was a descendant of Governor Bradford. Two years ago he went to Glen Ridge and made his home with his daughter. He was one of the charter members of the Masonic Lodge of Stoughton, and also a member of the Universalist Church in that place. Two daughters survive him. The funeral services were held on Monday, and the interment was made in Stoughton.

Cranberry Lake Opens May 30.

Secret societies, pleasure clubs and organizations of all kinds contemplating outings for the summer should investigate Cranberry Lake before contracting for excursions elsewhere. For particulars ask any Lackawanna agent, or address T. W. Lee, general passenger agent, New York city, or Guy Adams, division passenger agent, Newark, N. J.—Advt.

PROTECT your securities and valuable papers against FIRE and BURGLARS by renting a box in the Safe Deposit Vault of The Bloomfield National Bank. Boxes to rent at \$4.00 per year and upwards.—Advt.

Pigeon Politics.

"Pigeon Politics" was the subject of an interesting discourse by Rev. Dr. G. S. Woodruff in Park M. E. Church on Sunday evening. Dr. Woodruff did not confine his remarks to the recent anti-pigeon shooting bill, over which the people of this State were recently much concerned, but talked on the broader basis of the moral issues involved in the general politics of the town, county, State and nation, and of which the pigeon bill was but a type. In the course of his remarks Dr. Woodruff said: "The newspapers tell us that the chaplain of the United States Senate is hunting for the name and history of a young man who represented our country at a foreign court. As he was telling of the greatness of the country, and the great people he was asked who was the greatest among us, and he said, of course, 'The President,' and when he was asked if there was any power greater than the President he promptly replied, 'Yes, the people.'"

"This answer seemed mysterious to these foreign people who were accustomed to monarchical governments, but will be easily understood by Americans. The greatest power is the people. Unfortunately sometimes they are quiescent, but when they speak they are the force of their voice. Within the past week a special session of the Legislature convened and transacted business and closed its session within the hours of the same day. The measure that they passed was for the protection of the pigeons."

"Of late years New Jersey has been the only ground where barbarians under the deceptive guise of 'sportsmen' were permitted to shoot pigeons from a trap. Every little while in human nature there crops out some evidence of the old barbaric traits of our ancestors."

"We are just now in the midst of a great multitude of so-called athletic contests, which are nothing but brutal prize fights. The law has spoken against them, but the law is being put aside. One of these days the people will speak, and this form of beastly brutality will cease."

"It has been a wonder in my mind always that any person who has any claim to gentility could call it a sport to shoot the innocent and helpless pigeons as they escape, dashed from the cage in which they have been confined. There are some people who do it."

"There is one man in this State who has received a prize as a competitor in one of these contests. He wanted to go to Congress. The people spoke and he stayed at home. He will never go to Congress while he delights in shooting pigeons from a trap."

"Our Legislature had failed to pass this just and decent bill. They had pigeon-holed it. A pigeon-hole is the name for small compartments in a desk into which it is convenient to slip papers. It is so called from its appearance to the little doors and openings in a building into which the pigeons make their entrance. The 'pigeon-hole' has been the receptacle of many a just and necessary measure. Our United States Senate has a very important matter in its hands which it is pigeon-holing until after the next Presidential election."

"The Governor of New Jersey touched the pulse of the people, and he found out that it was an unwise and unpolicy thing to allow this bill for the protection of the pigeons to longer remain in the pigeon-hole of the New Jersey Legislature, in view of the coming election in the fall, and so he called the Legislature back in session for the consideration of this measure, and they, like a lot of whipped schoolboys, fearing their stern parents, quietly and demurely, with a very strong vote, passed the bill, and now, henceforth, and we trust, forever, the pigeons will be safe, and our State will be free from this foul blot upon its history."

"I cannot denigrate this form of action any better than to call it 'Pigeon Politics.' I am glad that even so small a thing as a pigeon, so innocent and helpless, may be the agent through which public sentiment shall be aroused, and the voice of the people shall be heard."

"It is always encouraging to those who are interested in public welfare to see such a ready response to the voice of the people, and to realize what power lies in their utterance when they shall speak with no uncertain sound. I sometimes get weary of sending petitions and making appeals to our lawmakers. It is our own fault, because we do not speak plainly and distinctly as we should at the beginning."

"If we had a little more care in attending to our primaries and in selecting the right sort of men to represent us, and if the right sort of man would be more willing to take upon himself the task, even though at times it may be irksome, of attending to civic duties, we should be spared the necessity of sending so frequent appeals and petitions to those who are our servants, and who pigeon-hole the measures which they ought to pass without waiting in."

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TOWN COUNCIL.

HELD A SHORT SESSION MONDAY NIGHT AND ADJOURNED.

Henry P. Dodd Resigned as Member of the Board of Assessors—License Transfer Applied For—Linden Avenue Improvement Assessment Report Submitted and Refused.

Several members-elect of the Town Council were present at the Town Council meeting Monday night. Among them Councilman-at-Large elect George Fisher, who was invited by Chairman Peterson to a seat at the Council table, Councilman Farrand, Chairman of the Fire Committee, made a progress report on the fire house matter, Councilman Harrison, Chairman of the Water Committee, reported progress on the water question.

On motion of Councilman Moore the Essex Cross Railway Company's application for a franchise was laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

John Ashworth, executor of the estate of William Ashworth, applied for a transfer to himself of the license granted to William Ashworth. The application was received and Councilman Chabot made a motion that it be granted, but the practice in regard to transfers requires that applications be laid over for a certain time.

Henry P. Dodd tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Assessors and it was accepted. Chairman Peterson named Joseph Fairbanks as a successor to Mr. Dodd.

Councilman Walker opposed the appointment of a successor to Mr. Dodd by the present Council, and insisted that the incoming Council should have the privilege of making the appointment. Mr. Walker claimed that he took the same position several years ago when the first appointment of a member of the Board of Assessors was made, when the town set first went into operation here.

Councilman Harrison said that he agreed with his colleagues from the Second Ward.

Councilman Moore, while he seconded the nomination by the Chairman of Mr. Fairbanks, opposed immediate action upon it, and on his motion the matter was laid on the table.

The report of the Board of Assessors on the Linden Avenue Improvement assessment was submitted to the Council. Mr. Walker moved that it be confirmed, but Mr. Moore and Mr. Farrand opposed it on the ground that the part of the cost of the improvement charged against the town was larger than had been named in a previous report. The matter was referred to the Sidewalk Committee for investigation.

Because the various election boards did not meet the day after the special election on the water question and canvass the returns, J. D. Canidwell, attorney for the United States Mortgage and Trust Company, has advised Dick & Robinson, purchasers of the \$90,000 water bonds, not to close the deal until the result of the election is canvassed in a proper manner.

The Town Council, therefore, applied to the Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus to compel the election officers to appear and canvass the returns, and when that is done Dick & Robinson will pay for the bonds.

The writ was obtained Wednesday on the statement of Charles H. Halfpenny, town attorney of the town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, reitor.

The defendants named are William L. Johnson, town clerk; N. Harvey Dodd, chairman of election; George H. Bohr, inspector of election, and Joseph Fairbanks and Rowland S. Hill, clerks of election of the first district of the First Ward.

Emil E. Raensch, chairman; Joseph B. Kent, inspector, and William A. Raab and Leo A. Honan, clerks of election of the election board of the second district of the First Ward.

William Vogel, chairman; George E. Meicher, inspector, and Gus Widman and Edward Orogan, clerks of election of the board of registry and election of the Second Ward.

Howard W. Freeman, chairman; James J. Dunigan, inspector, and John E. Jacobus and Frank N. Unangst, clerks of election of the board of registry and election of the first district of the Third Ward.

John G. Weden, chairman; Michael J. Dunigan, inspector, and William Gee and Charles Ferguson, clerks of the board of registry and election of the second district of the Third Ward.

The hearing is set for Friday of next week if any defense be made. The writ is to direct them to meet "at Dodd's Hall, 287 Glenwood avenue, and commanding and enjoining the said election officers then and there to proceed to select the officers of election to certify the result of the election held on the 19th day of January last."

Mrs. Gustavson, recently of New York city collects dressmaking. Children's work a specialty. 111 Harrison street, Bloomfield, N. J.—Advt.